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Will Intimidating Letters Effect Responsibility?

It has come to my attention that many of my classmates have received intimidating letters from the Academic Dean's office in regard to their cutting chapel. In regard to this letter and its "several explanations," (for cutting chapel) I can only reply that:

1. The purpose of having the cuts is to be able to take them whenever they are needed. If one wishes to cut the first two chapels, then certainly this is her prerogative and does not require letters to her parents, to her major professor, and in her file. I am surprised and disgusted. 2. In regard to the established chapel policy, I have heretowith refrained from making any comment in the hopes that moderation and re-evaluation of our policy would result in a more liberalized democratic policy. However, the result has been highly autocratic and arbitrary. I think that if students are required to attend chapel because they are part of the Meredith community then all people who are members of the community should be required to attend, both students, professors, and administration. For are we not all equal members of this community? Or do we offer second class citizenship for some?

I also challenge the idea that if one attends chapel, she is instantly part of this mirage called the community. If the purpose of chapel is to make a student a part of the community, why is not the required chapel the student government? Surely this is more relative to the community than lectures on Church History or Folk Music, however enjoyable they prove to be. I also find myself challenging any synthetic community that cannot accept dissent. I think that the American Society has learned how to handle dissent or at least to tolerate it. Yet we find that Meredith College cannot tolerate those who are bold enough to stand against the Establishment and say that your values are not mine and I do not intend to support you by going to chapel. On the contrary Meredith is so narrow that any rebellion can only mean one thing: THE RETENTION COMMITTEE!

Can we not see that a student may still make a valuable contribution to the community even if she does cut chapel more than three times? And again why should a student want to be a part of this community? What if a girl only wants to receive 120 credit hours? Many other colleges can accept those who desire to be an active part of the community and those who wish to be passive. Why do we force a girl to do what she does not want to do? And most important of all, what kind of community can result from this forced action? Should not a community be made up of willing members? Also, I have not found that this artificial community has accomplished anything in regard to the very real problems in chapel. I am referring to sleeping, reading, doing class assignments, and resulting boredom. Lastly I challenge this false set of values. Our classes are no longer obligatory. Can we value chapel above classes? The knowledge that we gain in our classes will have a very real effect on our future. Yet, we are allowed the responsibility to decide concerning our class attendance but chapel is mandatory. Is Meredith trying to say that a girl could be better prepared to face her life with four years of chapel and a 2.0 QPR which is certainly the minimum. Certainly if the young lady could face the results of cutting classes in a lower point ration then she should be able to face the world without chapel.

In regard to the last paragraph of the letter, commenting on one's chapel attendance reflecting ones inability to participate in this part of community life" and that "attendance hereafter will show your willingness to join the community in this intellectual (sic) activity," I can only add that I hope that this policy is not a reflection of Meredith's inability to empathize with the students and that the position hereafter will show that we are willing to accept people as they are and not as the Meredith lady is supposed to be.

Sincerely,

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Disgusted Senior

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Dr. Tucker Receives MACT

By KAREN VOELKER

Dr. Charles Tucker, Assistant Professor of Sociology recently received another graduate degree in addition to his Th.D. This one is the MACT, Master of Arts in College Teaching, with a major in Sociology.

The MACT is offered under the direction of an interdepartmental committee at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The purpose of the degree is to give prospective teachers for two and four year colleges a strong liberal education in their graduate fields and to enhance their knowledge of current concepts involved in higher education.

Requirements for the MACT call for thirty six semester hours in one's major field and twelve hours of study in the professional area of college teaching in lieu of a dissertation. A final comprehensive examination covering six areas of the major field is also required.

Dr. Tucker's major studies were social theory, social research, the family, socialization, the city, and minority relations. He also completed three hours in Black Studies, and three hours in Child Psychology. In the professional area, Dr. Tucker took courses in the history of higher education in the United States. And in the development of higher education. In addition to the above requirements, a one semester college-teaching internship was completed as part of the professional area of study. As Dr. Tucker was acting chairman of the sociology department. At Meredith at the time he

was enrolled for his internship, he fulfilled this requirement by writing a research paper on the changing curriculum at Meredith.

Dr. Tucker undertook his work in this graduate program at Carolina in order to be refreshed in his knowledge of sociology and to become familiar with the current trends in sociology. He says one of the biggest differences he has found in sociology since his previous study is that sociology seems much more empirically oriented than before. He also states that work on the degree has helped him gain a wider breadth of knowledge in his field. Concerning sociological research, Dr. Tucker comments that he is now more aware of the importance of gathering precise data before making generalizations about community structures.

Dr. Tucker views as one weakness in sociology today failure of social scientists to replicate past studies to see whether the results still hold relevance.

When Dr. Tucker received his MACT at the end of the 1971 summer session, he terminated the work he began during the summer of 1966.

MCA ANNOUNCEMENTS

BSU 11 Convention, November 5-7, High Point, N. C. Everyone welcome.

BSU Camping Retreat, Oct. 15-17, Camp Carraway, Asheboro. A Great weekend!

Any student interested in being a denominational representative on the MCA council, contact B. A. Haskins, 216, N.

Groups are being held in the Hut for Bible study; all interested students contact B. A. or Gene Phillips.

Never On A Sunday?

One of the concerns of the MCA this year is to make available to the student every possible opportunity for creative expression of her religious beliefs—through involvement in workshops, extension projects, REW, forums, and the Raleigh community.

Enough will be said about the first four topics; consider the last one. During Orientation, many freshmen met ministers of Raleigh churches, and some attended special programs in the churches. However, many of the most enthusiastic ones will fall with upperclassmen into the observance of Sunday as a day of "rest," especially until time to dress up for Sunday dinner.

The fact of church attendance is not important, but church involvement is. Off campus fellowship, good discussion groups, meaningful worship, and various other means of Christian expression are offered to students; however, consider what difference student involvement makes in the life of the church. Most church choirs are lacking. Sunday School programs could stand to have some perky substitute teachers. Deaf sign language classes need more students (First Baptist). And so the list continues. If the amount of criticism given by college students were matched by an honest attempt to improve conditions in churches, the label of "irrelevant" would begin to disappear.

The MCA and the churches provide bus transportation for convenience, not to mention saving 60¢. Rides to the contemporary workshops at 10:00 a.m. in Danforth Chapel at NCSU are available, but unused. Please, consider this an opportunity for sharing yourself with others and growing a little each week.

CONTRIBUTE TO THE TWIG

GRE Offered On October 23

The Graduate Record Exam will be offered on the Meredith campus on October 23rd. Any interested seniors, please pick up an application at the Placement Office. It must reach Princeton by October 5th. A book listing the schools requiring the GRE is available in the Placement Office. If you are planning to go to graduate school, now is the time to take it. Your scores are good for five years.

Seniors who graduate in December should be completing their Placement files if they are planning to take advantage of the services offered there. If you are not aware of the services offered, drop by and find out. It's all free.

There are still a few part-time, off campus jobs available, so check the Placement Office bulletin board for these.

A Note to the Reader

The views and opinions expressed in the guest editorial are also the views and opinions of the TWIG staff members.

Although it is not customary to print Letters to the Editor as editorials, the TWIG staff felt this action appropriate.

In future issues of the TWIG, Letters to the Editor will appear in the regular column designated for them. Please contribute.

Voice of The SGA

Attendance at Friday's meeting was a disappointing total of 200 students. If rain has such an adverse affect on the student body, one can hardly imagine what snow will do.

Gail announced that Self-limiting Hours has passed the Student Life Committee and is presently under consideration by Dean Burris. She also announced that the Business Office will not issue I. D. cards until the second semester.

Due to the poor attendance, the quorum was not met and a vote could not be taken on the motion to declare May 2 (the state primary election day), and November 7 (the national presidential election) holidays from class so that students can go home to vote. This is an important action for those who value their political rights. The vote will take place at the next meeting of SGA, if there is a quorum.

Come Play With Melvin, Lee, and Superman

By LIBBY KNOTT

Melvin . . . he's six and Lee . . . he's seven. Superman, well Superman is any age he wants to be.

Melvin can throw a frisbee pretty good for a six year old kid and Lee, well about Lee, he can chase a frisbee pretty good for a seven year old kid. Superman can climb monkey bars of any height—but then he's Superman.

Ten is a big number . . . a real big number, 'specially for Melvin and Lee and Superman. Hours is a big word . . . a real big word, 'specially for Melvin, Lee and Superman. Ten hours is a small term . . . a real small term, 'specially for you . . . 'specially when you think in terms of one hour per week for ten weeks—the hour between seven and eight on Thursday nights.

Imagine that . . . ten hours with Melvin, Lee, and Superman . . . or as many hours as you want to make it.

It's the Governor Morehead School for the Blind Project, sponsored by the MCA. Organizational meeting is October 7 at 6:30 p.m. in 103 Joyner.

For information, call Libby Knott, 214 North.

MRA 'Kicks Off'

Intramural games of touch football are being sponsored by the MRA every night after dinner in the court. The games will be held any night a group expresses the desire to play. Interested persons may contact Libus Carter. Meredith has purchased four footballs for this purpose and all students are urged to take advantage of this opportunity.

The MRA has also provided bicycles which are available to all students. The bicycle room is located in the basement of Faircloth next to the laundry room. Students are reminded to please return bicycles to that room after using them. Also new locks are being obtained for the bicycles and a new bicycle sign-out procedure will be announced after the arrival of the locks.

POOL HOURS

For the students:
Monday and Wednesday, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday night 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. (May bring a date)
Saturday 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. (May bring a date)
For the faculty, staff and their families:
Friday night 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.